

## **KERA Initiative Summary**

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### **Family Resource/Youth Services Centers (FRYSCs)**

The Family Resource/Youth Services Centers program recognizes that some children and families face problems and situations that stand in the way of learning. To clear the way, centers help students and families get the health, social, and community assistance they need.

By law, all centers must address certain specified components plus additional areas identified by assessments of local needs.

Family resource centers provide these services for elementary school students and their families:

- Full-time child care for 2- and 3-year-olds;
- After-school and summer/school holiday child care for ages 4-12;
- Families in Training home visits and child development monitoring for new parents;
- Parent and Child Education (PACE) or other opportunities that integrate adult education and parenting skills training for undereducated parents and child development programs for their children;
- Support and training for child day care providers;
- Health services or referral to health services.

Youth Services Centers provide these services for middle, junior high and high school students and their families:

- Referrals to health and social services;
- Employment counseling, training and placement;
- Summer and part-time job development;
- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling;
- Family crisis and mental health counseling.

Both kinds of centers help with General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) information, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and referrals to government financial aid programs.

Schools in which at least 20 percent of the students are eligible for the federal free and reduced lunch program qualify for a center. Approximately 1,200 schools are eligible. Funding was sufficient to provide center services to all but approximately 50 of those schools by 2003-2004.

Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services provides administration and oversight, technical assistance and training in this program.

***Statutory References:*** KRS 156.497 and 156.4977, as amended